



**Board of Trustees
Committee Meeting
Rudolph Jones Student Center
Room 242**

**Committee on Governance and Personnel
Wednesday, March 25, 2026
3:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

Call to Order Joyce Adams, Committee Chair

Welcome and Opening Remarks Joyce Adams

Roll Call Karen Bussey

Approval of Minutes: December 10, 2025

Information Items:

A. External Affairs and Military Relations Update Wesley Fountain
VC for External Affairs & Military Relations

Action Items:

B. Personnel - **Closed Session** Sonja M. Brown
Interim Provost & Sr. VC for Academic Affairs

Darrell T. Allison
Chancellor

Committee members: Joyce Adams, Kimberly Jeffries Leonard, Al Ragland, Will Warner, Glenn Adams

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GOVERNANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

1:15 PM

The Committee on Governance and Personnel of the Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened December 10, 2025, in Rudolph Jones Student Center Room 242 and via Microsoft Teams. Committee Chair Joyce Adams presided and called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Trustee members were in attendance: Mrs. Joyce Adams, Mr. Al Ragland, and Mr. Will Warner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Al Ragland that the minutes of the Committee on Governance and Personnel meeting held on September 24, 2025, be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Will Warner. The motion carried.

GOVERNANCE AND PERSONNEL UPDATE

Vice Chancellor Wesley Fountain provided an update on external relations and military affairs. Fayetteville State University benefited from a historic Title III HBCU investment, receiving an additional \$8.9 million in FY2025 funding. The university also secured a \$13.4 million GEAR UP grant to support college readiness over the next seven years.

State relations updates included the passage of House Bill 125, a “mini budget” signed in August to maintain government operations and fund enrollment growth for NC Promise institutions, as well as capital projects within the UNC System. Additional legislation addressed infrastructure, economic development, and accreditation flexibility for UNC institutions. Trustee Joyce Adams inquired about how these investments impact the university’s long-term enrollment goals, in which VC Fountain shared insights.

Locally, the committee noted recent municipal election outcomes and their potential impact on community engagement.

Military relations remain a cornerstone of FSU’s external partnerships, highlighted by collaboration with the XVIII (18th) Airborne Corps’ Joint Innovation Outpost at Fort Bragg. This partnership fosters innovation through projects such as AI-assisted battlefield assessments, ocean anomaly detection, and advanced manufacturing applications.

Next, it was moved by Trustee Will Warner and seconded by Trustee Al Ragland to move into closed session to prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential information that is protected: under Article 7 of Chapter 126 of the North Carolina General Statutes or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes. The motion carried.

There was no further discussion following closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee on Governance and Personnel adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Adams, Chair

Amy Coleman, *Recorder*



DIVISION OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MILITARY RELATIONS

Wesley Fountain

March 25, 2026

DIVISION OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MILITARY RELATIONS

The Division of External Affairs and Military Relations supports the university's strategic priority to create impactful strategic partnerships by strengthening relationships across federal, state, local, and military sectors. These efforts expand the university's reach, increase opportunities for the campus community, and enhance regional impact by:

- Supporting workforce development through training, certification, and economic development partnerships.
- Expanding opportunities through strong military and industry relationships.
- Advancing community engagement that drives regional economic growth.
- Creating pathways for research with industry and national partners.





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